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Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the ceasefire between the two countries.

1. On 11 September 1996, at 1800 hours, 50 Iraqi military personnel aboard five vehicles moved towards the west side of border strip in the Bishkan area at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND6500030000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin.

2. On 14 September 1996, at 1610 hours, three Iraqi vehicles, carrying 100 individuals, were observed moving from the geographical coordinates of 38S ND5100027000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, in no man's land, east of Hedayat sentry post towards the geographical coordinates of 38S ND6200024000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, in no man's land, south of Madjid-Ghadir Agha.

3. On 14 September 1996, at 1700 hours, eight Iraqi vehicles moved from around the geographical coordinates of 38S ND6700026000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, in no man's land, between north and south of border pillars 60/4 and 60/3 in the direction of the Iranian border and disembarked 20 armed individuals and 40 with backpacks.

4. On 15 September 1996, at 0900 hours, five Iraqi personnel began pitching a tent at the geographical coordinates of 39R TP2700062000, on the map of Khorramshahr.

5. On 17 September 1996, at 1720 hours, 35 Iraqi minibuses moved from the geographical coordinates of 38S NC6700016000 on the map of Kani-Sheikh towards the geographical coordinates of 38S NC7000022000 on the map of Halaleh, west of border pillar 39, and left the area after three hours.

6. On 19 September 1996, at 0011 hours, a number of Iraqi armed smugglers who had infiltrated across the border into Iranian territory were intercepted by Iranian boundary police at kilometre 7 of Imam Reza road at the geographical coordinates of 38R QA6600001000 on the map of Saeedia. As a result, two smugglers were killed and one small boat and one motor boat were discovered.

7. On 20 September 1996, at 0230 hours, a number of Iraqi smugglers who had infiltrated into the Iranian territory were intercepted by the Iranian boundary police around the geographical coordinates of 38R QA7400005000 on the map of Saeedia. They fled back into Iraqi territory and left one small boat behind.

8. On 24 September 1996, at 0830 hours, two Iraqi civilians were observed moving in the mine field from the geographical coordinates of 38S NC510085000 on the map of Sizdah in no man's land, west of border pillar 46/7 towards Heidarabad sentry post at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC5200085000. They fled back into Iraqi territory after encountering Iranian boundary police.

9. On 24 September 1996, at 2310 hours, a number of Iraqi smugglers who intended to infiltrate the Iranian border were intercepted at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND6800026000 on the map of Ghasr-e-Shirin, north of border pillar 60/3 in no man's land. As a result, one of the smugglers was killed, one wounded and two others were arrested.

10. On 2 October 1996, at 1100 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed excavating at the geographical coordinates of 39R TP4300036000 on the map of Khosroabad, west of Koot al-Nadjdi and Nahr al-Nadjdi.

11. On 7 October 1996, at 1600 hours, Iraqi troops based at Chizard sentry post at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC4500099000 on the map of Khosravi fired two 60 mm mortar shells hitting Iranian territory at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND4600001000 on the map of Kharratha, west of Allah-Dad and border pillar 50, in the Zein al-Kosh area.

12. On 8 October 1996, at 0800 hours, Iraqi troops set up a military bunker, manned by five personnel and equipped with communication devices, around the geographical coordinates of 38S NC5480041600 on the map of Sumar, west of Maggi fountain and border pillar 43.

13. On 11 October 1996, 27 Iraqi troops were observed around the geographical coordinates of 38S QA3400073000 on the map of Anbar river, south-west of border pillar 22/22 and the geographical coordinates of 38S QA0600093000 on the map of Meimeh in no man's land, south of border pillar 23 and the geographical coordinates of 39R TP3690059100 on the map of Abadan in no man's land, opposite the pumping house and the geographical coordinates of 39R TP5300026000 on the map of Khosroabad, in no man's land, north of the city of Khalfan and south of Maamir river.

14. On 12 October 1996, at 1415 hours, 19 Iraqi senior officers, accompanied by 5 armed soldiers, visited Manzarieh sentry post at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC4200005000 on the map of Khosravi in no man's land.

15. On 14 October 1996, at 1530 hours, a number of Iraqi smugglers, supported by Iraqi military personnel based in no man's land, infiltrated Iranian territory in the area west of Dege-Shatt Ali and kidnapped one of the employees of the Chand-Manzoureh Company, Saeed Nagravi, whose fate is still unknown.

16. On 15 October 1996, at 1000 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed excavating at the geographical coordinates of 38S QA4400057000 on the map of Yebis, in no man's land, between border pillars 22/5A and 22/6.

17. On 15 October 1996, at 1210 to 1630 hours, 24 Iraqi individuals, including 8 military officials, visited the Iraqi town of Manzarieh at the geographical coordinates of 38S ND4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, in no man's land, and then left the area.

18. On 16 October 1996, the Iraqi troops set up a base on the west bank of the Arvand Rud, opposite Jaraf River, and started daily observation from the pyramid-shaped embankments. Movement of the troops in the base is clearly visible.

19. On 17 October 1996, at 1140 hours, an Iraqi helicopter was observed on the other side of the border strip at the geographical coordinates of 39R TP1600074000 on the map of Khorramshahr, south of border pillar 1/14. After 30 minutes, it left the area in the direction of Basra.

20. On 17 October 1996, the official-in-charge of the Soosangerd Office of Fishery was kidnapped by a number of Iraqi smugglers, supported by Iraqi military personnel on Shahid Hemat road. The fate of the kidnapped person is still unknown.

21. On 17 October 1996, 34 heavy Iraqi military vehicles were observed moving in the Kani-Sheikh area.

22. On 18 October 1996, one of the Iranian farmers living in the border area, Mr. Zahiri, was kidnapped by a number of armed Iraqi smugglers, supported by Iraqi military personnel, in the Zahiriah area. His fate is still unknown.

23. On 19 October 1996, at 0830 hours, 12 Iraqi vehicles were observed moving around the geographical coordinates of 38S 6700016000 on the map of Kani-Sheikh and the geographical coordinates of 38S NC7000022000 on the map of Halaleh, west of border pillar 39 in no man's land.

24. On 31 October 1996, at 1030 hours, six Iraqi intelligence officers and anti-revolutionary elements, infiltrated Iranian territory at the geographical coordinates of 38S NC5200083000 on the map of Sizdah, north of border pillar 46/5 in no man's land. They began observing and making reconnaissance on the roads leading to the Iranian Khosro-Abad post. They fled into Iraqi territory after encountering Iranian boundary police.

25. On 1 November 1996, at 1950 hours, Iranian boundary police confronted a number of armed Iraqi smugglers, supported by Iraqi military personnel, at the geographical coordinates of 38R QV710-990 on he map of Saeediah. As a result, an Iranian was wounded and the smugglers subsequently escaped.

26. On 2 November 1996, 126 Iraqi motor boats, 7 ships and tugs, carrying 250 individuals, were observed patrolling the Arvand Rud.

27. On 3 November 1996, at 0630 hours, two Iraqi vehicles were observed patrolling around the geographical coordinates of 38S NC6700019000 on the map of Kani-Sheikh, south of the Iraqi village of Musa and the geographical coordinates of 38S NC6700016000 on the map of Kani-Sheikh, south of the Iraqi village of Mokhaibar.

It would be highly appreciated if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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